GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6490
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2002
PRIVATISATION OF DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have issued any guideline to the State Governments onthe privatisation of the distribution of electricity supply;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by various State Governments in this regard; and

(d) the position with regard to the generation, demand, supply and distribution of power in various States at present?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : Distribution of electricity is the responsibility of the States. The decision to privatize distribution, therefore, lies with the State Governments. The Government of India has been encouraging States to undertake reforms so as to improve the financial health of the power sector in general and of the SEBs in particular. A Conference of Chief Ministers/Power Ministers was organized in march, 2001, which recognized that the real problem of management and challenge of reforms in the power sector lies in the distribution sector. It was resolved interalia to achieve commercial viability in the distribution sector in 2-3 years through measures like creation of profit centers, handing over of local distribution to panchayats/local bodies/franchisees/users associations, or privatization of distribution.

In an effort to bring in more focused approach to power sector reforms, Government of India has signed Memoranda of Understanding with 21 States. The States have broadly agreed on the reform mile-stones of 100% metering, energy audit, constitution/operationalisation of State Electricity Regulatory Commissions,unbundling/corporatisation of SEBs etc. In reciprocation, the Government of India has also committed assistance of various sorts.

(d) : The position with regard to generation, demand, supply and distribution of power in various states may seen at Annexure-I.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6490 FOR ANSWE 9.5.2002.

Actual power supply position (all figures in MU net)

REGION/STATE/SYSTEM	MARCH'2002				APRIL'2001-ARFCH'2002			
	Req.	Avai	Shortage	%	Req.	Avai	Shortage	%
NORTHERN REGION								
CHANDIGARH	76	76	0	0.0	111.0	1108	2	0.2
DELHI	1420	1404	16	1.1	19350	18741	609	3.1
HARYANA	1505	1499	6	0.4	18138	17839	299	1.6
HIMACHAL PRADESH	280	245	35	12.5	3293	3206	87	2.6
JAMMU & KASHMIR	615	558	57	9.3	6635	5899	736	11.8
PUNJAB	2100	2094	06	0.3	28780	27577	1203	4.2
RAJASTHAN	2275	2246	29	1.3	24745	24495	250	1.0

UTTAR PRADESH	4080	3741	339	8.3	48332	43545	4787	9.9
N.R.	12351	11863	488	4.0	150383	142410	7973	5.3
WESTERN REGION								
CHATTISGARH	763	751	12	1.6	8054	7825	229	2.8
GUJARAT	4895	4332	563	11.5	53693	47530	6130	11.5
MADHYA PRADESH	2835	2377	458	16.2	31013	26233	4780	15.4
MAHARASHTRA	7295	6836	459	6.3	80489	73438	7051	8.8
GOA	163	163	0	0.0	1767	1767	0	0.0
W.R.	15951	14459	1492	9.4	175016	156793	18223	10.4
SOUTHERN REGION								
ANDHRA PRADESH	4947	4415	532	10.8	48394	44302	4092	8.5
KARNATAKA	3201	2820	381	11.9	32556	28493	4063	12.5
KERALA	1255	1124	131	10.4	13334	12349	985	7.4
TAMIL NADU	4297	3897	400	9.3	46232	42951	3281	7.1
S.R.	13700	12256	1444	10.5	140516	128095	12421	8.8
EASTERN REGION								
BIHAR	806	781	25	3.1	9370	8992	378	4.0
D.V.C.	689	687	2	0.3	8319	8312	7	0.1
ORISSA	1087	1085	2	0.2	12328	12318	10	0.1
WEST BENGAL	1881	1850	31	1.6	20670	20575	95	0.5
E.R.	4463	4403	60	1.3	50687	50197	490	1.0
NORTH-EASTERN REGION								
ARUNACHAL PR.	12.2	12.2	0.0	0.0	136.3	134.6	1.8	1.3
ASSAM	264.2	262.3	1.9	0.7	3450.5	3425.2	25.3	0.7
MANIPUR	39.2	38.3	0.9	2.3	456.5	440.6	15.9	3.5
MEGHALAYA	68.8	68.8	0.0	0.0	700.1	705.0	-4.9	-0.7
MIZORAM	25.0	23.2	1.8	7.2	284.5	278.5	6.0	2.1
NAGALAND	20.7	19.9	0.8	3.9	260.1	258.4	1.7	0.7
TRIPURA	55.2	50.0	5.2	9.4	647.1	612.6	34.5	5.3
N.E.R.	485.3	474.7	10.6	2.2	5935.0	5855.0	80.0	1.4
ALL INDIA	46950	13456	3495	7.4	522537	483350	39187	7.5

ACTUAL PEAK DEMAND Vs PEAK MET (Figures in MW net)

REGION/STATE/SYSTEM Mar-02 April/2001-March`2002

	Peak Demand	Peak Met	Shortage	%	Peak Demand	Peak Met	Shortage	%

NORTHERN REGION

CHANDIGARH	151	151	0	0	180	180	0	0
DELHI	2605	2575	30	1.2	3118	2879	239	7.7
HARYANA	2700	2655	45	1.7	3000	2900	100	3.3
H.P.	520	520	0	0	562	562	0	0
J & K	1149	946	203	17.7	1209	999	210	17.4
PUNJAB	3975	3727	248	6.2	5420	4936	484	8.9
RAJASTHAN	3700	3657	43	1.2	3700	3657	43	1.2
U.P.	6977	6399	578	8.3	7584	6887	697	9.2
N.R.	20800	19954	846	4.1	23200	21346	1854	8

WESTERN REGION

CHATTISGARH	1347	1284	63	4.7	1357	1311	46	3.4
GUJARAT	8005	6598	1407	17.6	8005	6700	1305	16.3
M.P.	5558	3951	1607	28.9	5683	4457	1226	21.6
MAHARASHTRA	12265	10726	1539	12.5	12265	10726	1539	12.5
GOA	280	280	0	0	316	316	0	0
W.R.	26117	21486	4631	17.7	26510	22024	4486	16.9

SOUTHERN REGION

A.P.	8585	6873	1712	19.9	8585	6873	1712	19.9
KARNATAKA	5338	4428	910	17	5338	4428	910	17
KERALA	2633	2039	594	22.6	2633	2189	444	16.9
TAMIL NADU	7158	6218	940	13.1	7158	6218	940	13.1
S.R.	22757	19201	3556	15.6	22757	19201	3556	15.6

EASTERN REGION

BIHAR	1325	1230	95	7.2	1409	1288	121	8.6
D.V.C.	1214	1151	63	5.2	1296	1209	87	6.7
ORISSA	2132	1977	155	7.3	2132	1977	155	7.3
WEST BENGAL	3457	3339	118	3.4	3614	4314	200	5.5
E.R.	7701	7548	153	2	7940	7648	292	3.7

NORTH-EASTERN REGION

ARUNACHAL PRADESH	42	42	0	0	50	50	0	0
ASSAM	594	585	9	1.5	688	618	70	10.2
MANIPUR	89	89	0	0	98	94	4	4.1
MEGHALAYA	145	138	7	4.8	165	160	5	3
MIZORAM	72	69	3	4.2	75	73	2	2.7
NAGALAND	58	55	3	5.2	61	58	3	4.9
TRIPPURA	152	107	45	29.6	156	140	16	10.3
N.E.R.	1066	1000	66	6.2	1148	1043	105	9.1
ALL INDIA	78441	69189	9252	11.8	78441	69189	9252	11.8